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COUNTRY Soviet zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Preparations for occupation of Letzling Heath by Soviet Troops 25X1

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 18 April 1950

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Large-scale construction work at the Letzling Heath was scheduled to start in the spring of 1950 [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] A well builder had been ordered, in early March 1950, to start sinking three 40-meter wells to be operated by motor pumps in the camp in the Neu-planken (M 53/Y 52) woods. The camp is allegedly scheduled to be occupied by tank units in late April 1950. Recently, high-ranking Soviet officers frequently inspected the camp, according to local residents.

2. Truck [REDACTED] with four soldiers was observed in born (M 53/Y 52) on 10 March 1950. One of the soldiers controlled traffic. Two tank soldiers were seen in an inn [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] loaded with wood and marked with the crossed-gun-barrel insignia, were identified on the Huettenborn road.

3. Local residents supplied the following information on 10 March 1950:

Advance and construction detachments continually arrived for about a week. None of the soldiers had been in born in 1949. Born residents who had wood piled up in the woods east of Born were ordered to haul it away by 15 March 1950, for after that the area would be off limits. It was said that 240 German laborers will be employed for construction work in the Neuplanken wood camp.

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The report supplements previous information [REDACTED] on the arrival in Neuplanken, Letzling Heath, of Soviet advance detachments between 3 and 10 March. [REDACTED] 25X1

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The arrival of these troops and the start of the maneuver period is expected in April 1950.

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